

BURIED UNDER THE ENGINE

THREEMEN CRUSHED AND SCALDED
TO DEATH NEAR PORT MORRIS.

The locomotive left the tracks and went down an embankment landing on its right side nearly upside down—Took nearly two hours to get the dead men from under the wreck—Worst accident in years on the Consolidated Road.

New York, Dec. 8.—Switch engine No. 76 of the New York, New Haven and Hartford road, Harlem River branch, while on its way to Van Ness shortly after 2 o'clock this morning left the track on the curve south of Port Morris station, ran down an embankment and turned over, instantly killing Engineer Thomas Fitzgerald and brakemen Fred Maples and Thomas McNally, all of this city.

Three other trainmen, who were in the cab of the locomotive when it jumped down the embankment, were injured. The injured are: Thomas McKee, fireman, scalded slightly by escaping steam; Thomas Bannan, conductor, severe scalp wound; John Toth, brakeman, slight bruises.

The cause of the accident is not known, the officials leaving it to a broken rail. Before leaving the road the engine ran along the tracks for nearly 200 feet, then suddenly curved inward again, crossed the inner down-town track, tearing the rails from the ties and cutting the wood into splinters, and leaped down the embankment. The drive wheels sank into the cinder bank and the momentum of the locomotive whirled it over so that it landed on its right side nearly upside down.

The three men killed were seated on the engineer's side of the cab and were crushed and scalded to death when the cab was crushed in. Fireman McKee felt the engine leave the track and jumped. He lit within a few feet of the engine just as the steam dome was wrenched off and the contents of the boiler blown out. Conductor Bannan was thrown clear over the engine and lit upon his shoulders in the soft cinders. He was stunned and bleeding when he picked himself up. John Toth was practically unhurt and his presence of mind averted another serious wreck. The "Cannonball," a freight running on passenger schedule, was due. Toth ran up the track and flagged this train, which stopped within the locomotive within a hundred feet of the torn-up track.

A call was sent in for ambulances, and a fire alarm was rung in. Two engines and a hook and ladder truck responded and water was poured into where Fitzgerald, Maples and McNally were pinned under the fire-box. It took an hour and three-quarters to remove the bodies of the dead men. The engine was "jacked up" a few inches, and the wooden cab was hacked away with axes.

All the victims of the accident have families.

Ruled Against Women.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 8.—The question of women preachers was ruled on in the Mississippi Methodist conference at Yazoo City, Miss., yesterday. Presiding Elder Weems of the Vicksburg district reported that Mr. Grimes invited Miss Mollie McGee Snell, the evangelist, to assist in conducting a revival. When the presiding elder decided the engagement, Grimes stated that God would break his neck if he interfered with women preachers. Bishop Duncan ruled emphatically that the Methodist church does not recognize the right of women to preach, but adheres to the doctrine of St. Paul. Considerable feeling has been aroused in the state.

Sunday Fire in Bristol.

Bristol, Dec. 8.—Fire, which broke out at 4:30 this morning in the meat market of R. Weed & Co., in Forestville, completely destroyed two buildings owned by the E. N. Welch Clock Manufacturing company, practically ruined a small building occupied by S. D. Bull as a livery office, a total loss being caused of nearly \$6,000.

The loss to Welch & Co. on their buildings will reach \$5,000. Weed & Co. had about a ton of meat in their store and the loss of this, together with the fixtures and other contents will reach an amount in the neighborhood of \$700. Bull's loss is nominal and the total loss will approximate, as indicated above, the sum of \$6,000, with partial insurance. The fire was probably caused by a stove in Weed & Co.'s meat market.

The extent of the fire is due to the fact of its location. The flames were discovered by a watchman in the Welch Manufacturing company factory, a half a mile away, and the shop bell was rung. The alarm was then taken up by another factory a quarter of a mile distant from the fire. When the steamer reached the scene, through an oversight on the part of the stoker, a half hour elapsed before steam was up and a stream was playing. Postmaster Holden has made arrangements with Henry Porter for a portion of his store and to-morrow the postoffice will be temporarily opened there, so that there will be no delay in handling the mails.

The Town Was Flooded.

London, Dec. 8.—A dispatch announces the arrival at Cape Coast Castle of the steamer Angola from Liverpool, which is conveying the first detachment of troops for the Ashantee expedition. The dispatch adds that a tornado accompanied by a most violent downfall of rain prevailed Saturday. The town was flooded and the officers were forced to seek refuge in the castle. Their beds, in many cases, having been washed away. The rains have done much damage to the roads.

DUNRAVEN'S STATEMENT.

The Full Correspondence Has at Last Been Issued.

New York, Dec. 8.—George L. Rives to-day issued a statement giving in full the correspondence between the New York Yacht club and the Earl of Dunraven and the Royal Yacht Squadron as to the alleged surreptitious loading of the Defender so as to increase her load-water line. Mr. Rives is one of a committee of three appointed by the New York Yacht club on November 18 to investigate Lord Dunraven's allegations. The two other members are Mr. Pierpont Morgan and Hon. W. C. Whitney.

The statement commences with H. Matland Kersey's letter of October 18 to the New York Yacht club stating that he had received a cablegram from the Earl of Dunraven offering to come to New York and place himself at the disposal of the investigating committee. Then follows a letter from the committee to Mr. Kersey requesting him to communicate to Lord Dunraven that the investigation would be commenced immediately upon his arrival and requesting to be informed of his departure for America. A letter sent to Richard Grant, secretary of the Royal Yacht Squadron at Cowes, follows, in which the committee after setting forth the resolution of the New York Yacht club appointing the committee and providing for the investigation says:

It appears that Lord Dunraven's statement published in the Field is "mainly extracted" from a letter which he sent to the secretary of the Royal Yacht Squadron on September 24 last. We, therefore, beg to inquire whether the charges last mentioned have been laid before the Royal Yacht Squadron and whether any and what action has been taken by the yacht squadron upon the subject. In view of the grave nature of the charge, the representative of the Royal Yacht Squadron in an international yacht race between the two clubs the New York Yacht club feels that the most searching and complete investigation of the facts and of the charges against the representatives of the New York Yacht club should be promptly begun. It is our purpose to conduct such investigation so as to satisfy every fair minded man on either side of the Atlantic and to that end we have already communicated with the Earl of Dunraven and requested his presence in accordance with the offer made by him. The result of the investigation with all testimony will be transmitted to you.

In answer to this the committee according to the statement received the following December 5:—

"London, Dec. 5.—Committee thank you for your cable. Squadron has taken and can take no action, it being purely a personal matter. Lord Dunraven does not request the squadron to interfere. Am writing. (Signed) Grant."

Continuing the statement says on the following day the committee received, through Mr. Kersey, two cables from Lord Dunraven, the first reading:—

"Kindly inform committee that I will sail at the earliest moment, 7th or 11th, probably former. Regret delay, but must have statements of skippers, etc., now scattered."

The second message read: "Shall come by Germanic eleven certain. Kindly inform committee."

In conclusion the committee states that by virtue of the resolution under which it was appointed it has the power to increase its number and has, therefore, upon receiving Lord Dunraven's replies added two new members, Hon. E. J. Phelps, late American minister to England, and the well known naval authority and officer, Captain Mahan. Both gentlemen have promised to serve.

Fire in Hartford.

Hartford, Dec. 8.—Fire did considerable damage to-night at the residence of Martin Bennett at 300 Farmington avenue. Mr. Bennett has a son, Toscan Bennett, at Yale and he was spending Sunday at home. His family had fixed up a study for him in the upper part of the house, and this afternoon he and the other members of the family gathered about a grate fire in the study. Young Bennett returned to college early this evening and shortly after he left a servant discovered smoke in her room. The chimney was found to be on fire, and before an alarm could be sounded the flames broke through into the house proper. The department upon its arrival succeeded in extinguishing the blaze but much damage was done by water. Great streams of water flowed down into the lower part of the house, causing havoc among the costly pieces of furniture. It was discovered that a chest of powder and cartridges owned by young Bennett was stored in the study and this was removed to the street amid excitement. More excitement was created by the report that some diamonds had been stolen, but the stones were found later. Mrs. Bennett has for some time been an invalid and she was so critically ill yesterday that she could not be moved from one room to another. To-night, however, it was necessary to take her out doors and to the house of a neighbor. Mr. Bennett, who is manager of the Lyons Fire and Scottish Union and National Insurance companies, says that his loss will be \$5,000, with insurance of \$20,000 on the house and \$10,000 on the furniture.

Two Reform School Boys.

Meriden, Dec. 8.—Two of the young prisoners at the Connecticut School for Boys escaped from the institution at an early hour Saturday morning. They are Charles Adams, fifteen, of New Haven, and Frank Smith, fourteen, of Greenville, Conn. The state offers a reward of \$5 for the capture of each boy that escapes and Superintendent Thatcher has added another \$5 for these two boys.

JOSS HOUSE AGAIN RAIDED

TWENTY-EIGHT CHINESE WERE
ARRESTED LAST NIGHT.

Caught Playing Fan-tan and Smoking Opium on Fair Street—Could Not Secure Bonds and Spent the Night in the Lockup—Opium and Gambling Implements Seized.

For the third time this year the police again last evening made a successful raid on the Chinese Joss house at 76 Fair street and as a result of the raid 28 dusky Mongolians were placed behind the bars at police headquarters where the majority of them remained until an early hour this morning. This was a new experience to the dusky devotees of fan-tan and opium, as heretofore they have been able to secure bondsmen immediately after their arrest. Last night, however, was an exception and up to midnight no one had appeared to give bonds and none of the crowd had been released.

Shortly after 7 o'clock last night a squad of officers composed of Patrolmen Sessler, Grant, Jeremiah McGrath, Watrous, Hackett, Doughan and Stanford were dispatched from police headquarters and went directly to the Joss house at 76 Fair street. The place was, quietly surrounded and then several officers attempted to enter through the rear door. This, however, they found was stoutly barricaded, but it was but the work of a few minutes for the heroic frames of Patrolmen Sessler, Grant, McGrath and Stanford to burst in the door and secure an entrance into the gambling apartments.

In the meantime the Chinamen inside had heard the noise and commenced to scamper and scurry around in their efforts to conceal themselves, but their efforts were futile as every avenue of escape was securely guarded. All were placed under arrest and taken to police headquarters, the patrol wagon making five trips in carrying the crowd to headquarters.

The police also seized a quantity of gambling implements, cards, chips, etc., and a number of opium pipes, a quantity of dope and other paraphernalia. These were also taken to police headquarters and will be used as evidence at the trial in the city court this morning. The prisoners are most of them residents of this city, but some in the crowd hail from Vermont, Hartford, Milford, Bridgeport and New York. Upon their arrival at police headquarters they were locked up in the women's department, three women prisoners who had been arrested for drunkenness and other petty offenses being placed in cells in the upper corridor of the women's quarters.

The Chinamen arrested were as follows, all being charged with gambling except Lee Ging, who is charged with keeping a gaming house: Chin Jung, Lem Chow, Joe Ying, Chin Yen, Ah Sem, Lee Joe, Lee Yon, Lee King, Sing Sing, Ah Wing, Ah Song, Ah Lee, Lee O'Sing, Ah Hey, Charlie Chin, Ah Dow, Sing Lee Chin Joe, Lee Goon, Lee Lim, Lom Sog, Ah Wong, Yep Lee, Ah Lung, Gin Lee, Hey Woon and Kee Chung.

The last raid on the place was made October 27 and at that time a fine of \$5 and costs was imposed upon each by the court.

A Church Destroyed by Fire.

Greenwich, Dec. 8.—The old First Congregational church at South Beach was destroyed by fire last night. The flames were discovered soon after the fire had been lighted in the furnaces, and in an hour all that remained were the burned timbers in the place of the white church of the style built in New England sixty years ago. It was the second church built by the society, the first having been erected in 1760. The country for miles around was illuminated. The tombstones in the church yard were saved from ruin by wetting carpets and throwing them over them. The edifice was insured for several thousand dollars. The congregation held services in the school house to-day, but the inconvenience will be only temporary, as a new stone edifice is nearly completed.

Famous Man Dead.

Cincinnati, Dec. 8.—H. Thane Miller, the blind president of the Mount Auburn Institute, died of heart disease, last night at midnight. He was famous all over the country through his connection with the Y. M. C. A. He had taught at the institute the last twenty years.

Decorated for Gallantry.

Madrid, Dec. 8.—A dispatch to the Imparcial from Havana says that the military decoration of the Red Cross has been accorded to Lieutenants Churchill and Barnes of the British army for the gallantry displayed by them during the recent engagement between the government forces and the rebels commanded by Gomez and Maceo. Lieutenant Churchill is a son of the late Lord Randolph Churchill. Both he and Lieutenant Barnes were with the Spanish forces under General Suarez Valdez in the battle on December 2 at La Reforma and were complimented in the official reports.

It Stands Alone.

Berlin, Dec. 8.—Among the chorus of press declarations against President Cleveland's references to Germany in his recent message to congress and threats of bringing into action Germany's power to make reprisals, the Vorwarts, the principal socialist journal, is notably impartial and its clear-sighted article stands almost alone in warning Germany that the industrial supremacy of the United States must be admitted.

THE WEEK IN CONGRESS.

No Program Has Yet Been Arranged for the House.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The second week in the senate will be an indeterminate quantity. Pending the filing of committee vacancies, but little business can be transacted and it is not expected that these vacancies will be supplied before the latter part of the week if then. There is no calendar and no order of business has been agreed upon.

To-morrow, however, Mr. Morgan will call up his resolution referring to that part of the president's message relating to the payment of Behring Sea claims to the committee on foreign relations with instructions to examine into the question of Great Britain and report by bill or otherwise. The speech which Mr. Morgan has prepared to accompany his motion will consume the greater part of the afternoon. It is said to be a severe arraignment of the administration and a caustic criticism of the "officious intermeddling" as he terms it, of the British ambassador, who, in an official dispatch to the foreign office, made public first in London and then in this country, controverted some of Mr. Morgan's statements on the floor. Mr. Morgan originally strongly antagonized the proposition to pay the lump sum of \$425,000 for the alleged illegal seizure of Canadian sealers' property to the award of the Paris tribunal, without an investigation and as the president has again recommended such payment the Alabama senator, it is understood, will present his reasons for opposing the payment of the claims and in his most vigorous style. His speech will probably create considerable sensation.

On Tuesday Mr. Callom will address the senate on his resolution relative to the Monroe doctrine and the Illinois senator will take strong grounds for a pronounced American policy in our dealings with other nations. To-morrow a special meeting of the judiciary committee will be held to consider the nomination of Rufus W. Peckham. As there appears to be no objection it is believed a confirmation will speedily follow the favorable report. Senator Hill reached Washington last night and will be at the meeting of the judiciary committee. It is asserted that the notable visit in company with Secretary Lammont paid to the attorney general on "legal business" a few weeks ago had reference to Judge Peckham's nomination.

No program of business has been arranged for the house this week nor can any be until Speaker Reed provides the necessary machinery. Two opposite reports were in circulation yesterday regarding the speaker's intentions. One was that the committee would be announced Monday or Tuesday, the other that the list would not be made until before adjournment at holidays. Best judgment seems to be that the speaker will not be prepared to-morrow to name the committee, and that the house will adjourn until Wednesday or Thursday and thus permit members to attend the meeting of the national republican committee called to the place for the national committee in 1896.

THE HARMONIE CLUB.

The annual election of the Harmonie club was held yesterday and resulted as follows:

President—Max Adler.
Vice president—Lewis Osterweis.
Recording secretary—Charles L. Weil.
Financial secretary—Leo Herz.
Treasurer—Mayer Kahn.
Board of directors—Max Strauss, Joseph C. Johnson, S. Goodman, I. E. Bretzfelder.
House committee—S. P. Weil, J. R. Ullman, S. D. Mann, G. M. Kahn, S. L. Rosenberg.

ANNUAL MEETING

Of Dwight Place Church Held Last Evening.

The annual meeting of the Dwight Place church was held last night. The reports of the several societies connected with the church were read, each of which showed them to be in a most excellent condition.

The secretary's report showed that there were 86 members of the church and that there had been ten deaths and seventeen dismissals during the year; 53 had been admitted, 20 by confession of faith and 33 by letter, a net gain of 26.

WILL REGISTRAR CAR CONTEST?

If He Does It Is Believed Preston's Majority Will Be Materially Increased.

The announcement that James J. Carr, the present registrar of vital statistics, will contest the recent election is not generally credited by the public, as it is not believed that when he comes to consider the matter in its proper light that he will take any such steps. It will be remembered that the face of the returns show that Carr was defeated for the office by William H. Preston, the latter receiving thirteen votes more than Carr.

It is now claimed that a number of ballots containing Carr's name were thrown out by the moderators in one or more wards at the recent election because in the envelopes containing them were found license ballots. A prominent republican said last evening in reference to the matter: "In my opinion Carr will not contest the results of the recent election, for if he does he will find that the vote was not as close as it seems to have been on the face of the returns. Again there are a number of instances where votes cast for Carr were allowed to be counted, although in nearly every case the ballots were technically in violation of the law. If, however, Mr. Carr desires to test the matter in the courts he will find us ready to meet him and in my opinion will find that by the actual legal returns Preston's majority will be materially increased."

OBLIGED TO CALL FOR HELP

ENGINE AND FIREMEN SENT TO
RIDGEFIELD ON A SPECIAL TRAIN.

Because of the Absolute Lack of Fire Protection the Entire Business Portion of Ridgefield in Danger of Destruction—Telephone Operator Was Obligated to Abandon His Office.

Ridgefield, Dec. 8.—The biggest fire that has ever visited this town broke out at 9:30 to-night and because of the absolute lack of fire protection soon assumed the proportions of a conflagration which threatened to consume the entire business portion of the town. The fire originated in the big wooden block owned by G. S. Gage and located on Main street. The building is three stories high and there is no larger building in Ridgefield. It is surrounded on all sides by other wooden buildings and the flames found great material upon which to prey. The fire originated in the place of business of Bedell & Nead and gained headway with a rapidity which was appalling. It soon spread to adjoining buildings and nothing could be done to check the progress of the flames.

Almost the whole town population was on the scene and at 11 o'clock the excitement was intense. Bedell & Nead were soon burned out and the Western Union Telegraph company's office was also ruined. The business occupants in adjoining buildings began to move their goods from their places and the streets were piled with all sorts of articles. Directly across the street was the town hall and the office of the Ridgefield Press, newspaper. Ex-Governor Lounsbury's house is not far distant. The country was lighted up for miles around.

Shortly after 11 o'clock the flames had completed their work on the Gage block, nothing but ashes and charred timbers remaining. The correspondent of the Connecticut Associated Press, whose only mode of communication was by telephone, labored under the greatest difficulties, as it became necessary to move the contents of the office. No estimate can be placed on the loss. At 11:15 the fire leaped across the street to the town hall and soon was making its way to the Press office.

The Gage block was located on the corner of Main street and Bailey avenue. Adjacent to the block is a small frame building in which was located the Western Union Telegraph company. Then came the grocery store of Barbit & Valden and a residence. These buildings were burned before 11 o'clock. Down Bailey avenue and to the rear of Gage's block was a plumbing shop and a row of wooden buildings recently built. These were destroyed. On the opposite corner of Main street and Bailey avenue was located the town hall. The flames leaped across the street and devoured this. In the rear of the town hall was Scott's stable, a big new wooden building, and this was destroyed. On the other side of the town hall and on Main street was the Ridgefield Press, and in order a residence and two stores, one occupied by a Mr. Gilbert and the other by Hilbert & Sherwood, fish dealers. In Gilbert's store the central station of the Southern New England Telephone company was located. Opposite the town hall on another of the four corners is the Methodist church and parsonage and the Ridgefield Inn.

At 12 o'clock the New Haven correspondent of the Connecticut Associated Press, who was in communication with the New Haven office by telephone, announced that he was compelled to abandon the telephone central station, together with the operator and others. It is therefore supposed that the Ridgefield Press building, a residence, two stores and a barber shop, located between the town hall and the telephone office, have been destroyed.

Danbury, Dec. 8.—At 11:45 a special train carrying a fire engine, a corps of firemen and one thousand feet of hose, in charge of Chief Lounsbury, left this city for Ridgefield, the scene of the big fire. General Superintendent Baker had instructed a corps of telephone connection men to hasten to Ridgefield, where a new station will be established speedily and communication with the outside world reopened.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS FAIR.

Eight Hundred in the Union Army Saturday Night.

The opening evening of the Pythian fair at the Old Union army Saturday evening was very successful, about eight hundred people being in attendance.

The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion and an excellent orchestra discoursed music throughout the evening.

Some very valuable prizes are offered, including one of the new high grade bicycles manufactured by the New Haven Chair company.

There promises to be a lively vote contest for the second bicycle to be given the most popular cyclist, the vote standing at the close Saturday night as follows:

Harvey Wolcott 23, Arthur Griggs 20, George E. Rogers 17, W. A. Gilbert 10, W. H. Larkin 7.

Ror the line officer's sword, U. R. K. P., the vote stands as follows: Adjutant L. F. Norton 53, Lieutenant John Morse 19, Colonel Thomas Williams 12, Albert Trail 2.

One noticeable feature of this fair is the excellent order preserved by the committee and officers in attendance, assuring an evening of pleasure without the unpleasant features too often attendant upon gatherings of this kind.

The fair will continue eight nights, and on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights a special program will be given.

PROFESSOR BRIGGS

At the United Church Last Evening—Discusses Imaginative Books of the Hebrew Literature—Listened to by a Large Audience—President G. Stanley Hall to Speak Next Week.

At the United church last evening Professor Charles A. Briggs, D. D., of Union Theological seminary, the eminent scholar and theologian, spoke under the auspices of the Men's club on the subject of "Works of Imagination in Hebrew Literature."

A large congregation filled the church and listened with the deepest interest to Dr. Briggs' very interesting and scholarly treatment of his subject.

Dr. Briggs said the Book of Job is a genuine didactic drama, and only equaled by Goethe's "Faust." The "Song of Songs" is a drama in five acts and contains solos, duets, a responsive chorus and a dance. It is written for women and has as its subject the temptations and ultimate triumph of a virtuous country woman in Jerusalem.

Ecclesiastes on the other hand treats of the temptations of the sage and his final triumph over doubt and agnosticism. Scholars now do not hold that it was written by Solomon in his old age. Besides these poetic works of imagination certain of the prose books of the Old Testament are also imaginative in their origin. The most important of these are the books of Jonah, Esther and Ruth.

These imaginative books are perfectly consistent with the Hebrew methods of teaching and also the teaching of Christ. They are used to point ethical truths and present historical difficulties which cannot be easily overcome except by assigning to them a symbolical purpose.

President G. Stanley Hall of Clark university, Worcester, Mass., will address the Men's club next week. His subject will be "Pedagogic Methods in Sunday School Work."

THE REDEMPTION TO-MORROW.

A Box Reserved for Governor Coffin—Final Preparations—Rush for Seats.

All who expect to attend the oratorio of "The Redemption" to-morrow are warned to make sure of seats to-day, as there is every prospect that the house will be sold out for the evening performance.

A large number, principally from out of town, will be present in the afternoon. It will be a distinguished and fashionable audience to greet the society on the occasion of its tenth anniversary, and in all probability it will include His Excellency Governor Coffin, who is trying to make arrangements to be here with his staff. A box has been reserved for him. President Dwight and party will also occupy a box. Jules Jordan, the well known composer and leader of the Arion society of Providence, R. I., of New Britain and other leading musicians will be here.

At 9 o'clock this morning the orders left at the box office and unpaid for will be sold to the first comers. Seats in the top gallery are going rapidly. This is actually the best place in the Hyperion for hearing, the effect of the full chorus from this point being very fine.

The final rehearsal of the big chorus will take place to-night at Harmonie hall and will begin at 7:45 sharp. Every member is expected to be present with full staff. Only holders of complimentary tickets will be admitted to the rehearsal.

The matinee to-morrow afternoon begins promptly at 2:35.

A New Book.

Rev. Burdett Hart, D. D., formerly pastor of the Grand avenue Congregational church, this city is the author of a new book entitled "Always Upward." It is published by Fleming H. Revell company, New York. For sale by the Edward P. Judd company, Chapel street.

Among the notices it has received are the following:

"It is worthy of its high purpose. The book is a trumpet-call to the things of the spirit and away from the things of sense."—The Golden Rule.

"It is rich in good points, pertinent illustrations and is done throughout with force and vigor."—The Independent.

"It is well to have on our tables some well-chosen books which will stimulate and feed the noble purpose of the soul, and this volume will be found exceptionally helpful in this direction."—Christian Union Herald.

"Wholesome truths are forcibly presented and with both literary skill and deep spiritual earnestness."—The Congregationalist.

It Was a Tie.

Middletown, Dec. 8.—The annual football game between the sophomore and freshman elevens was played on the campus yesterday afternoon in three inches of snow. The score was a tie at 10-0, and the game will be played off later.

Died at the Hospital.

Miss Mary A. Kingsbury died at the hospital at 4:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon of debility and the infirmities of old age. She was eighty-three years old and a resident of this city, and had been a patient at the hospital about two years. She leaves no immediate relatives.

COMMEMORATIVE SERVICES

COLLEGE STREET CHURCH MEETS
IN ITS OLD EDIFICE THE LAST TIME

A Historical Sermon by Rev. Dr. McLane—Interesting New Haven Reminiscences—Honored Men Recalled—Addresses by Rev. Dr. Edward Strong and Prominent Old Members—Congratulatory Notes from Center and United Churches—The Church Finely Decorated—Memorable Farewell Services.

The congregation of the College street church yesterday held their farewell services in the old building on College street near Chapel. The occasion brought out an unusually large congregation. The church was decorated especially for the occasion and on the large platform which had been erected were potted plants and palms in profusion, while around the rail of the gallery were set palms. On each front side were large groups of palms with evergreens strewn underneath and along the front of the platform were set four large pots of chrysanthemums. On the wall back of the stage were hung large pictures of founders and old members of the church. The pictures were those of Deacons Amos Townsend, Everard Benjamin, Ruel F. Cowles, Smith Merwin, Gaius F. Warner, Ebenezer Arnold, and Stephen Cooke.

At the morning service, the present pastor, Rev. Dr. McLane delivered an historical sermon which was as follows: REV. DR. McLANE'S HISTORICAL SERMON.

The text was: "And I saw no temple there."—Rev. xxi, 22.

After a few preliminary remarks the pastor spoke as follows:

On the evening of the 21st of August, in the year 1831, a small company convened in a private house, and of their number four young men signed a constitution and organized themselves into a church. Their names were Amos Townsend, Rev. James D. Chapman, Horace Mansfield, and William T. Truman. A few days later one more man, five years later, said: "They were in seven and seven women signed the constitution and were enrolled as original members of the church. Their names were as follows: Frederick William Lynde, Sophia Ives, Abby J. Chapman, Ruth Pierce, Helen M. Emmons, Eliza A. M. Chapman. These twelve persons, like the twelve patriarchs and like the twelve apostles, constituted the original members of this church. Like their prototypes, they had neither the wealth nor the wisdom of the world. Their leader, Amos Townsend, writing forty-five years later, said: "They were inexperienced either in business or in ecclesiastical matters; they had more zeal than wisdom; they had no more money than they had of a practical knowledge of the world and how to conduct such an enterprise. If they had foreseen the difficulties and trials which they were to encounter they would never have dared to attempt the work." But, in all ages, "God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty," believing men have walked by faith and not by sight, and with courage and wisdom and calculation, have carried forward the cause of the Lord and have accomplished the salvation of men.

The constitution which these five young men and seven women signed reveals the spirit of the enterprise. Its preface declares "that every Christian, as a steward and missionary of the Lord Jesus Christ, ought, according to his ability, like the primitive disciples, to strive with untiring zeal to promote a constant revival of religion, and to extend His Master's kingdom through the world." They called themselves the Missionary church of New Haven. They set before themselves as the object of their work the preaching of the gospel for that portion of the community who have no stated place of public worship, and the promotion of a revival and missionary spirit in the members of the church and in all persons within the sphere of its influence. They proposed that the seats in their place of worship should be free. They pledged themselves neither to traffic in ardent spirits nor to use them. They set apart the first Monday of every month as a day of fasting and prayer for God's blessing upon Christians and for the conversion of the world. They decided to divide the territory of the church into districts and to place each district under the care of a superintendent. With these purposes in view this church began its life sixty years ago. A church, like an individual, is affected by its environment. It is difficult for the younger members of the church to conceive the difference between the city of New Haven then and the city of New Haven now. It is also difficult for some of the older members of the church to understand why a specifically missionary church should have been deemed necessary then. The elder President Dwight, writing of New Haven a score of years before this church was organized, depicts it as "a model, happy valley, where disturbances were unknown, contentions hardly occurred and ungrit peace ruled alone." A few years after the formation of this church a writer estimates the population of foreign birth at not more than five hundred persons. The population of New Haven in 1831 was some ten or eleven thousand. These were homogeneous New England people. Ralph I. Ingersoll was mayor of the city. Rev. Jeremiah Day was president of Yale college, whose buildings consisted of the old "brick row" and whose encircling fence afforded an ample resting place for the students. There were three banks, the New Haven, the Mechanics' and the Savings bank. There were three newspapers, the Journal and Courier, the Register and the Palladium. There was

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